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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: WARD et al

Entitled: COMPACTED BIOMATERIALS

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:  
**Deleted persons:**

- 26 pages of specification and claims (including 61 numbered claims), and  
 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☐ Record the attached assignment to \_\_\_\_\_ and return to the undersigned.  
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

**Application Number**

9600800.8

9611249.5

**Country**

Great Britain

Great Britain

**Day/Month/Year Filed**

15 January 1996

30 May 1996

- ☐ , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/447,738, filed November 23, 1999, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/137,127, filed August 20, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England.  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Basic Filing Fee

Total effective claims 61 - 20 (at least 20) = 41 x \$ 18.00 \$ 750.00

Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 738.00

If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

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 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.  
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